

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 1-5 are being presented as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. The drawing Figures 1-5 have been amended.

The specific changes which have been made to Figures 1-5 are that they have been amended so that they are legible and unknown characters have been removed.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-12 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-12 are now pending in this application.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to for being illegible and containing unknown characters. In response, Applicant has amended Figs. 1, 2 and 3-5. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and that the objection be withdrawn.

Specification

The Specification was objected to for various informalities. In response, Applicant has amended the specification to correct the informalities and respectfully requests reconsideration and that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-12 were objected to for informalities. In response, Applicant amends claims 1 and 2 to correct the informalities. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0005278 (“Deng”) in view of Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-213427 (“Ushigami”).

Applicant notes that the priority date of the present application is March 10, 2004. The publication date of Ushigami is July 29, 2004. Accordingly, Ushigami is not prior art. An English translation of the Chinese priority application filed on March 10, 2004 will be submitted shortly for the Examiner's reference.

On page 5 of the Office Action it states that Deng does not disclose, teach or suggest at least steps 3-5 as claimed in claim 1. To cure Deng's deficiency, the Office Action improperly relies on Ushigami. Thus, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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